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SUBJECT: SUAREZ CANDIACY CHALLENGED

1. THE ELIGIBILITY OF PRIME MINISTER ADOLFO SUAREZ TO RUN FOR OFFICE WHILE RETAINING HIS GOVERNMENT POSITION HAS BEEN FORMALLY CHALLENGED BEFORE THE MADRID PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL COMMITTEE. THE CHALLENGE CAME FROM THE PARTIDO PROVERISTA, A SMALL OBSURE BUT PUBLICITY CONSCIOUS PARTY WITH A POLITICAL APPROACH SOMEWHAT AKIN TO THAT EMPLOYED BY FOLLOWERS OF POJADA SOME TIME BACK IN FRANCE.

2. WHILE DETAILS HAVE NOT BEEN REVEALED THE PRESUMED HEART OF THE MATTER IS WHETHER SUAREZ AS "PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENT" IS OR IS NOT A MINISTER. THE QUESTION
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HAD BEEN VENTIATED PUBLICLY BEFORE, WITH THE PUBLISHER OF MADRID ABC DAILY AND CONSERVATIVE ALIANZA POPULAR CANDIDATE TORCUATO LUCA DE TENA ARGUING THAT THE LAW MENTIONED AS INELIGIBLE "HIGH OFFICIALS AS WELL AS " MINISTER". THE DEFENSE MADE THE POINT WITH APPARENT TELLING EFFECT THAT THE LAW ONLY SAYS MINISTERS ARE INELIGIBLE, SPECIFIED OTHER CATEGORIES

BUT DOES NOT MENTION THE PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENT AND THE JUDGMENT WAS THAT WHILE THE DISTINCTION MIGHT HAVE BEEN A BIT FINE, NOETHELESS THERE WAS NO LEGAL ISSUE. AND IN FACT THE ALIANZA POPULAR WHICH STANDS MOST TO GAIN FROM KEEPING SUAREZ OUT OF THE RACE DID NOT CHOOSE TO FILE A LEGAL BRIEF.

3. THE GENERAL CONSENSUS THIS MORNING, INCLUDING IN THE "ABC" ITSELF, WAS THE THE CHALLENGE WOULD NOT PROPSE FOR THE REASONS STATED ABOVE. BUT THE LIBERAL LEFT "EL PAIS" INJECTED A NOTE OF DOUBT BY REPORTING THERE MIGHT BE DIVISION WITHIN THE MADRID ELECTORAL COMMITTEE. IT ADDED THAT OTHER SPANISH LAWS WERE BEING CONSULATED TO SEE WHAT DEGREE OF DISTINCTION HAD BEEN MADE ELSE WHERE BETWEEN THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT AND THE MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET. A SUCCESSFUL CHALLENGE SEEMS ONLY A REMOTE POSSIBILITY BUT IF IT DID HAPPEN, IT WOULD OF COURSE MAKE FOR AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT AND UNPREDICATABLE ECELTORAL SITUATION, SINCE THE CENTER'S EXPECTATION FOR WINNING A CLEAR PLURALITY ARE HINGED TO SUAREZ PERSONAL BANDWAGON. STABLER

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